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2022**

SCHEDULE 19-20 SEPTEMBER 2022

Important Dates

Entries open on Wednesday 3 August 2022

Entries close Monday 29 August 2022

Exhibits must be delivered during the period Monday 5 to Friday 9 September 2022

Judging will take place on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September 2022

Trophy announcement TBC.

Entry Criteria

- The APNC is open to Australian wines only.
- Wines must declare the following on the commercial label:
 - a. One, and only one, Australian geographic region or sub-region as defined by the Australian Geographic Indications.
 - b. Pinot Noir, and only Pinot Noir, 100%
 - c. Vintage year
- The rules governing these declarations can be found here: Compliance Guide
- If the wine is produced from grapes which originate outside a gazetted geographic regional, please contact Administration on (03) 5989 2377.
- All vintages are eligible.
- Wines must be commercially bottled, and entries must be clearly labelled as per criteria defined in clause 2.
- All exhibits must conform to their respective State Acts and Commonwealth Acts which govern the manufacture of Australian wine including (but not limited to) the Label Integrity Program under the Wine Australia Corporation Act and Food Standards Code.
- Only still red table wines may be entered.
- There is no restriction on the number of entries per winery.
- Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor at the time of entry.
- Each wine must have a minimum volume of 50 dozen at time of entry.
- The organiser reserves the right to market and promote any wine entered in the APNC.
- All exhibits become the property of the organiser who may make exhibits available for other judging or promotional tastings.
- Entry fee \$120 (Inc. GST) for each wine entered.
- Entry fees will not be refunded if an exhibit is not received by the due date, withdrawn by the exhibitor after entry form lodgement, or the exhibit is disqualified by the Chief Steward.
- No entry will be accepted until receipt of the full entry fee.
- Wines may be refused entry or may be disqualified at the complete discretion of the Chief Steward and/or the Wine Show Committee.
- Each exhibit must consist of 3 x 750ml bottles for judging purposes.
- Any promotional opportunities will be forwarded to exhibitors for their consideration.
- Wines will be judged in blind regional brackets.
- Entries must be made via <https://wineshow.awri.com.au/2022-australian-pinot-noir-challenge>. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Whilst it is not required that the commercial label is affixed to the exhibit, it is strongly suggested that all wines have a label as they may be used for promotional photography and video.

Classes

Class 1:	Tasmania 2021
Class 2:	Tasmania 2020 & Older
Class 3:	South Australia – Adelaide Hills 2021
Class 4:	South Australia – Adelaide Hills 2020 & Older
Class 5:	South Australia – McLaren Vale 2021
Class 6:	South Australia – McLaren Vale 2020 & Older
Class 7:	New South Wales - Tumbarumba 2021
Class 8:	New South Wales – Tumbarumba 2020 & Older
Class 9:	New South Wales – Murray Darling 2021
Class 10:	New South Wales – Murray Darling 2020 & Older
Class 11:	New South Wales - Canberra 2021
Class 12:	New South Wales – Canberra 2020 & Older
Class 13:	New South Wales - Riverina 2021
Class 14:	New South Wales – Riverina 2020 & Older
Class 15:	New South Wales – Hunter Valley 2021
Class 16:	New South Wales – Hunter Valley 2020 & Older
Class 17:	New South Wales – Southern Highlands 2021
Class 18:	New South Wales – Southern Highlands 2020 & Older
Class 19:	New South Wales - Orange 2021
Class 20:	New South Wales – Orange 2020 & Older
Class 21:	Victoria - Mornington Peninsula 2021
Class 22:	Victoria - Mornington Peninsula 2020 & Older
Class 23:	Victoria - Yarra Valley 2021
Class 24:	Victoria - Yarra Valley 2020 & Older
Class 25:	Victoria – Gippsland 2021
Class 26:	Victoria – Gippsland 2020 & Older
Class 27:	Victoria - King Valley 2021
Class 28:	Victoria – King Valley 2020 & Older
Class 29:	Victoria - Geelong 2021
Class 30:	Victoria - Geelong 2020 & Older
Class 31:	Victoria – Macedon 2021
Class 32:	Victoria – Macedon 2020 & Older
Class 33:	Victoria - King Valley 2021
Class 34:	Victoria - King Valley 2020 & Older
Class 35:	Victoria – Beechworth 2021
Class 36:	Victoria – Beechworth 2020 & Older
Class 37:	Western Australia - Manjimup 2021
Class 38:	Western Australia - Manjimup 2020 & Older
Class 39:	Western Australia – Great Southern 2021
Class 40:	Western Australia – Great Southern 2020 & Older
Class 41:	Any other Region not listed above 2021*
Class 42:	Any other Region not listed above 2020 & Older*

*Wines that come from a GI not listed will also be accepted in Class 41 and 41. These classes are for entry purposes only so please ensure you select your GI as regions will be judged separately

- Scores will be published on a 100 point scale.
- Wines receiving less than 85 points will be listed in the catalogue without scores and top gold wine (scoring 95 points or above) in any region may be eligible for a trophy.

Delivery of Exhibits

All exhibits must be delivered during the period Monday 5 – Friday 9 September 2022 to:

Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association
Suite 1/137 Shoreham Road (or PO Box 282)
Red Hill South VIC 3937

Outer packaging must include the following details.

- Australian Pinot Noir Challenge written on box
- Region/Class of wine sent from (Please list)
- Exhibitor Name

Exhibit Labels

Exhibit labels and delivery labels will be forwarded to exhibitors after entries close.
Exhibit labels must be fixed over the back label on all exhibits prior to delivery.

Judging

Chair of Judges

Matt Harrop

Judges

Tom Wallace

Marcus Satchell

Associate Judges

Chris Strickland

Penny Vine

Audit

A random audit will be conducted with respect to any entry in line with ASVO guidelines.

If an audit reveals that an exhibit was not submitted in accordance with the APNC Regulations any award(s) that the exhibit may have earned will be forfeited and the responsible exhibitor may be denied entry to future events.

Awards

Australian Pinot Noir Challenge Trophy

The trophy for Australia's best regional Pinot Noir.

Best of Region

The highest scoring wine from each region (only wines scoring ≥ 95 points will be eligible).

All wines will receive a score out of 100 which can be used for marketing purposes.

Exhibitors shall comply with the Winemakers Federation of Australia (WFA) Code of Practice for the display of awards. A copy of the code can be found here: [Awards Code of Practice](#).

Disputes

No correspondence with respect to any decisions will be entered into.

Privacy Statement

Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association collects information from a number of sources, in the public domain, to contact wine enterprises who then may be invited to enter the APNC. The MPVA collects further information from wine enterprises as they submit an entry. All collected information from entries is only used to further existing relationships with entrants. The MPVA does not pass on, or disclose, any information about wine enterprises to any other organization or person.

Enquiries

The Australian Pinot Noir Challenge is operated by the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association.

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